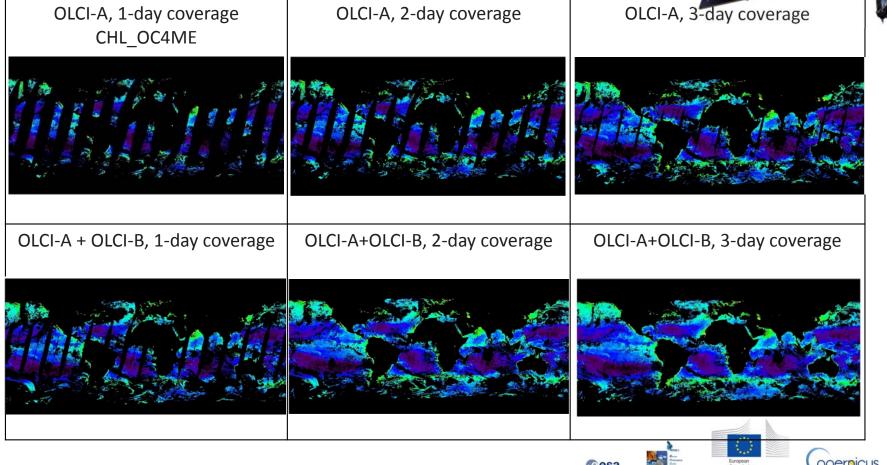


# Copernicus Sentinel-3A and -3B constellation is now

operational











### **Sentinel-3 constellation status**

- Sentinel-3A launched on 16 February 2016, in routine operation since October 2017
- Its twin Sentinel-3B launched on 25 April 2018, in routine operation since March 2019
- Sentinel-3A and -3B tandem phase between 6 June and 16 October 2018:
  - Sentinel-3B flying 30 seconds ahead of Sentinel-3A on the same ground track
  - Observation of similar Ocean and Atmosphere by both satellites
  - Extremely valuable data:
    - > Analysing differences between the missions (biases, trends...)
    - > Improving instrument calibration and characterization
    - > Improving knowledge of measurement uncertainties
- Constellation final configuration reached on 27 November 2018 with Sentinel-3B placed in the same orbital plane as Sentinel-3A with a phase difference of 140°
  - OLCI revisit time better than three days (sun-glint free, daytime only)

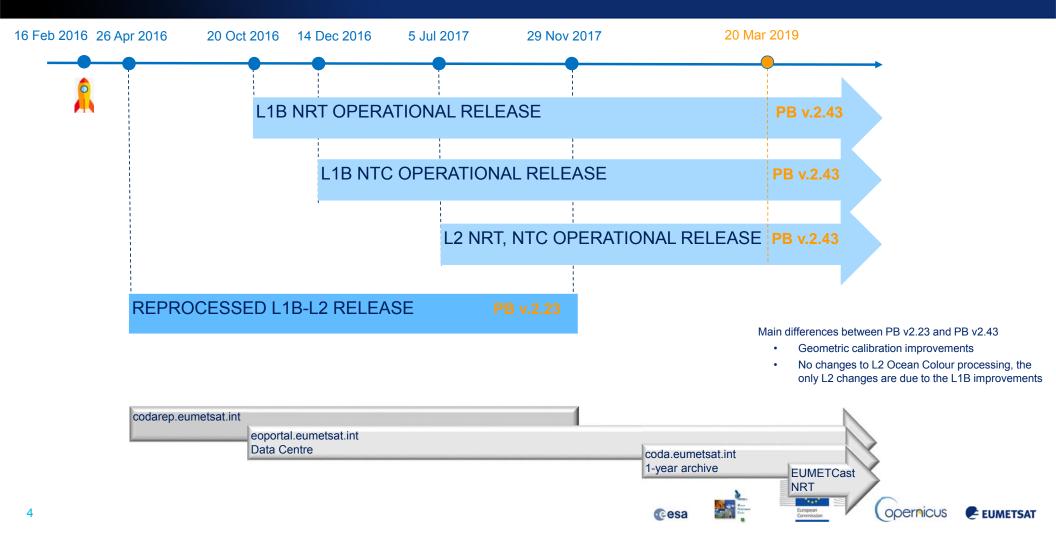




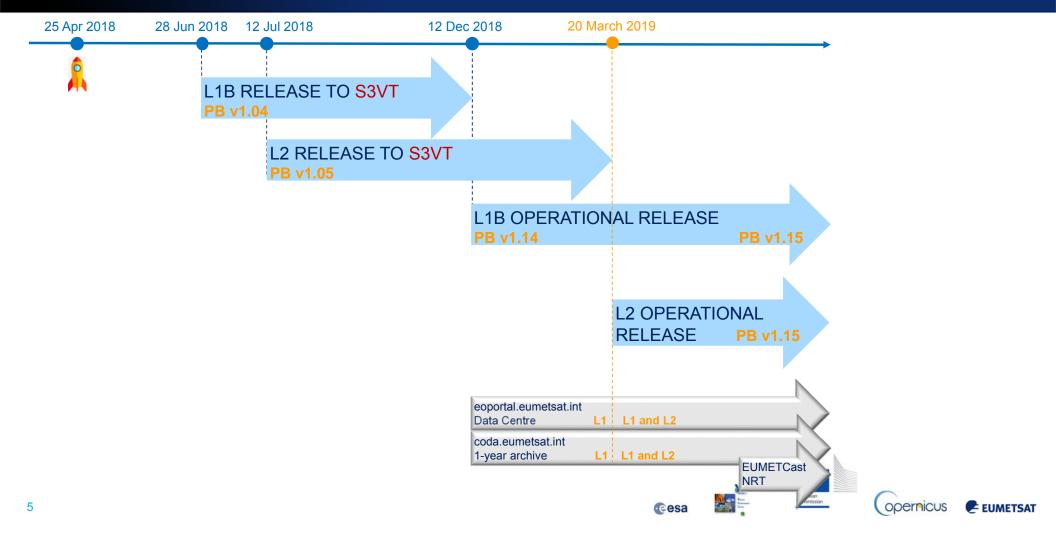




## S3A OLCI data availability



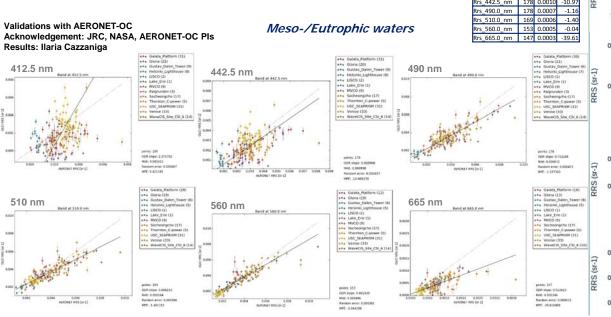
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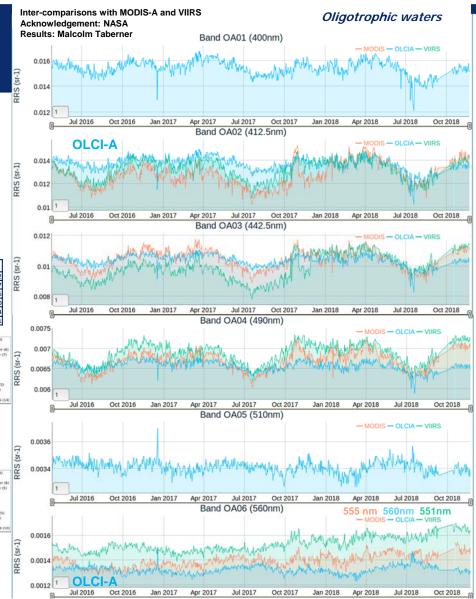


# Status of S3A products – water reflectance

Water Reflectance partly meets the 5% S3 Mission Uncertainty Requirement at averaged global and temporal scales

- Bands 490, 510, 560nm within 5% for all water types
- Bands 400, 412, 442nm within 5 10% depending on water type
- Other band uncertainties are higher and/or dependent on water type
- · Product quality varies spatially and seasonally

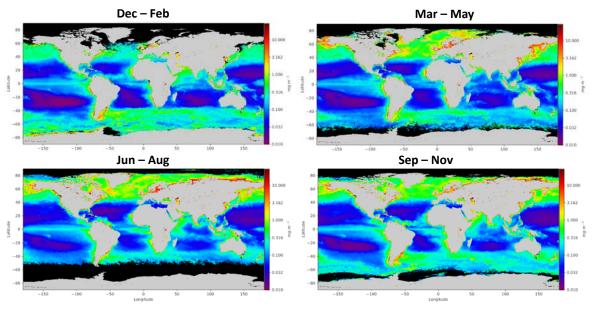


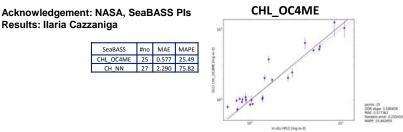


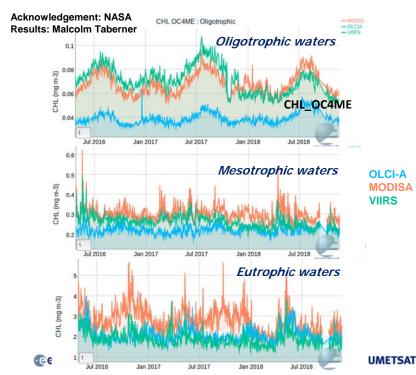
## Status of S3A products – algal pigment concentrations

### OC4ME Open Water algorithm (Case 1) partly meets S3 Mission Uncertainty Requirements at averaged global and temporal scales

- Mesotrophic and eutrophic waters within 30%
- Oligotrophic waters underestimated by about 40%
- Product quality varies spatially and seasonally



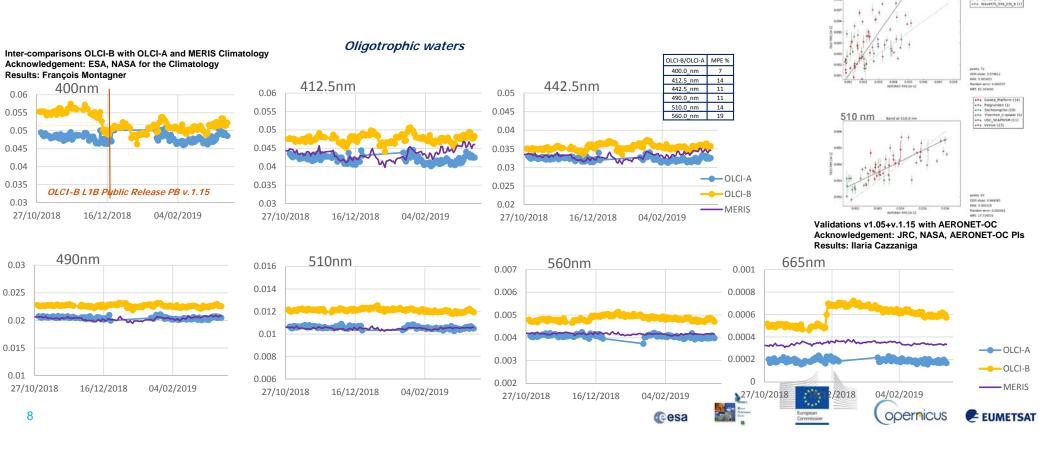




## Status of S3B products – water reflectance

#### Water Reflectance does not meet the 5% S3 Mission Uncertainty Requirement – OC-SVC is not available

 Blue/green bands have positive bias within 7 – 20% compared to OLCI-A in oligotrophic and mesotrophic waters

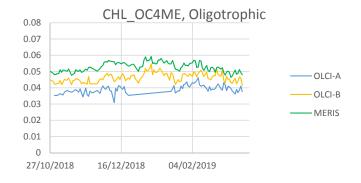


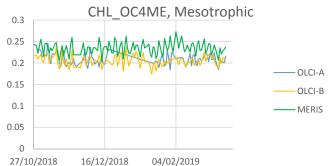
Meso-/Eutrophic waters

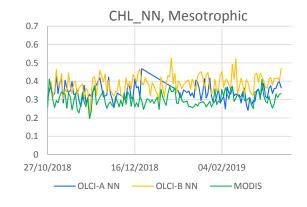
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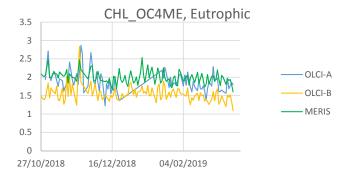
## OC4ME Open Water algorithm (Case 1) may partly meets S3 Mission Uncertainty Requirements at averaged global and temporal scales

- All water types may be within 30%
- · However, no in situ ground-truth measurements are available to confirm
- Product quality varies spatially









Inter-comparisons OLCI-B with OLCI-A, MERIS Climatology and MODIS Acknowledgement: ESA, NASA Results: François Montagner

See Poster#12 by Ilaria Cazzaniga for OLCI in situ validations









## S3 OLCI L2 Ocean Colour product quality limitations

Limitation	Ongoing/planned activities
OLCI-B water reflectance non-compliance	Recomputation of OC-SVC gains in second half 2019 when more OC-SVC matchups and the complete annual cycle of OLCI-B measurements are available
OLCI-A remaining water reflectance non- compliances	Idem
CHL_OC4ME oligotrophic chlorophyll underestimation	Algorithm update under implementation
Residual flag limitations	Short term: algorithm update, under implementation Long term: revision of flags definition (QWG recommendation)
Residual angular/seasonal dependence varying with airmass	Investigations ongoing within the S3 Mission Performance Centre and QWG
'Salt and pepper' noise in Open Water products	Short term: algorithm update under implementation Medium term: algorithm improvement, ongoing study
Reduced quality in coastal and complex- water areas (e.g. CDOM dominated), recurring negative water reflectance	Idem
Complex Water NN algorithm (Case 2) limitations – variable quality, thresholds on product values	Algorithm update under implementation - altNN
Integrated water vapour biases	Medium term: algorithm improvement, ongoing study
L2 error products tentative (product_err)	Awaiting implementation of Level-1 error products, i.e. L1 per-pixel uncertainties
Consistent time series of products	Full-mission reprocessing of OLCI-A/B products planned in second half 2019









### Resources

#### eumetsat.int

https://www.eumetsat.int/website/home/Satellites/CurrentSatellites/Sentinel3/OceanColourServices/index.html http://forums.eumetsat.int/



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Ocean Colour data, from the Sentinel-3 Ocean and Land Colour Instrument (OLCI), provides a window into the ocean living ecosystems.

OLCI provides spectral information on the colour of the oceans. This data can be used to monitor global ocean primary production by phytoplankton, the basis of nearly all life in our



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The global picture of ocean eq and support reporting obligation Framework Directive, the goal

#### OCEAN COLOUR PRODU

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- during photosynthesis, making Near-Real-Time (NRT): products shall be available to the users within three hours after sensing.
- to monitor the annual global u . Non-Time-Critical (NTC): products available to the users within one month after sensing.

how these impacts the ocean. The second table below lists the current operational OLCI products. Level 1 data provides ocean colour products derived from the top of atmosphere signal, Level 2 products include the atmospherically corrected water leaving signal, as well as derived Beyond climate, ocean colour products including chlorophyll and total suspended matter estimates.

A full list of our ocean products can be found on our > Ocean Products page.

#### ▶ Sentinel-3 OLCI Marine User Handbook

		Product notices	
DATE IN OPERATIONS	PROCESSING BASELINE VERSION	OLCI L1 PRODUCT NOTICE	OLCI L2 OCEAN COLOUR PRODUCT NOTICE
20 March 2019	S3A: 2.43 S3B: 1.15	No update to L1 processing	▶ Sentinel-3 Product Notice – OLCI Level-2 Ocean Colour. Public release of S3B L2 products
12 Dec 2018	S3A: 2.42 S3B: 1.14	► S3 Product Notice – OLCI	No update to L2 processing
14 Mar 2018	2.29	► Sentinel-3 Product Notice – OLCI Level-1B	No update to L2 processing
L1 from 11 Oct	2.23	► Sentinel-3 Product Notice -	▶ Sentinel-3A Product Notice - OLCI Level-2





#### Sentinel-3 Product Notice - OLCI Level-2 Ocean Colour

Mission	Sentinel-3A & Sentinel-38		
Sensor	OLCI-A & OLCI-B		
Product	Level 2 Ocean Colour  OL_2_WFR in NRT and NTC  OL_2_WRR in NRT and NTC		
Product Notice ID	EUM/OPS-SEN3/DOC/19/106831	53 PN-OLCI-L2M 001	
Issue/Rev Date	20/03/2019		
Version	10		
Preparation	This Product Notice was prepared by EUMETSAT with assistance from the S3 Mission Performance Centre.		
	EUMETSAT Mission Management		

Ocean Colour operational products. It describes the status of the Processing Baselines (PB) v.2.43 (-A) and 1.15 (-B) available from the Marine Centre. The main update is related to the public release of OLCI-8 Level-2 Ocean Colour products on 20 March 2019.

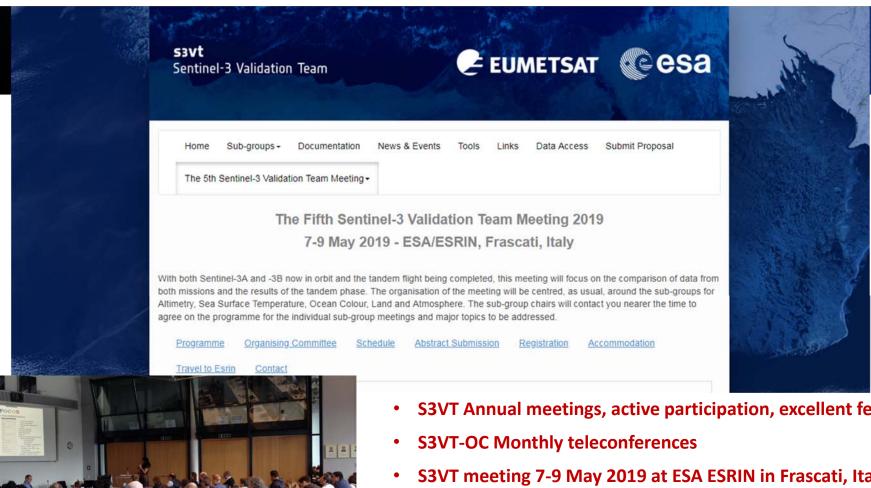
Both OLCI-A and OLCI-B L2 Ocean Colour processing is identical, except for the difference in application of System Vicarious Calibration (SVCI:

- For OLCI-A, SVC gains are applied;
- ♦ For OLCI-6, SVC gains are set to 1.0, i.e. no vicarious gains are applied.

This Notice describes the Level-2 product current status, the processing baseline, product quality

General information on the Sentinel-3 OLCI Level 2 Ocean Colour products can be found on EUMETSAT website, including OLCI Level 2 Algorithm Theoretical Basis Documents, Sentinel-3 OLCI Marine User Handbook, and this and past Product Notices.

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- S3VT Annual meetings, active participation, excellent feedback
- S3VT meeting 7-9 May 2019 at ESA ESRIN in Frascati, Italy
  - Day-1 09:00 13:00 Plenary; 14:00 17:00 joint Optical session OLCI/SLSTR/calibration, 17:00 – 18:30 Posters
- Day-2 09:00 17:00 parallel sessions (Ocean Colour), 17:00 18:30 Posters
- Day-3 09:00 12:00 parallel sessions (Ocean Colour), 13:00 15:00 Plenary **EUMETSAT**

# IOCS recommendations – towards establishing Copernicus Ocean Colour System Vicarious Calibration



EUMETSAT has been cooperating with ESA, EC-JRC and international space agencies on activities towards establishing Copernicus OC-SVC capability

- ESA organized an international Workshop on Vicarious Infrastructure in the frame of the FRM4SOC project (<u>report available</u> and final workshop <u>material</u>)
- EC-JRC published a series of peer-reviewed scientific papers and a JRC technical report (report available)
- EUMETSAT developed "Requirements for Copernicus Ocean Colour Vicarious Calibration Step 1

  Infrastructure" with inputs from an international expert review team
- EUMETSAT Copernicus initiated "Preliminary Design of the Copernicus Ocean Colour Step 2

  Vicarious Calibration Project: Infrastructure, Project Planning and Costing"

### Copernicus OC-SVC Roadmap

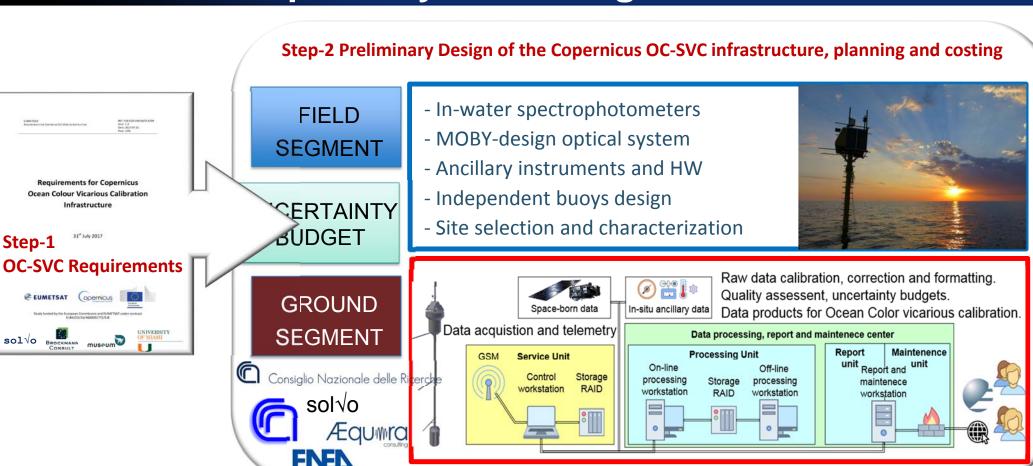
- 1. Requirements
- 2. Preliminary Design, Project Plan and Costing
- 3. Engineering Design, Technical Definition, Specifications
- 4. Development, Testing and Demonstration in the Field
- 5. Operations







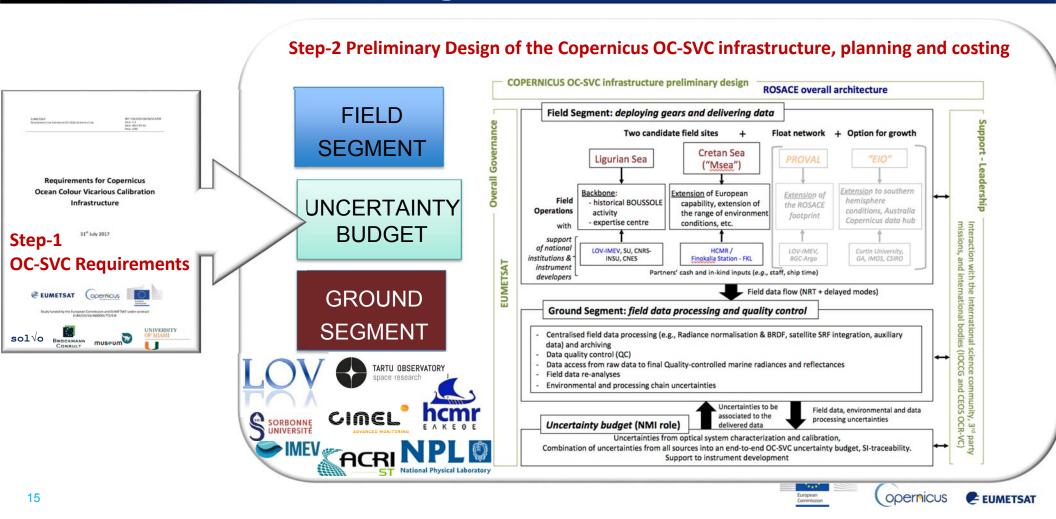
# Two parallel candidate OC-SVC Preliminary Designs: based on the optical system design of MOBY







# Two parallel candidate OC-SVC Preliminary Designs: based on the field design of BOUSSOLE



# IOCS recommendations advances in Atmospheric Correction, NIR modelling

### OC-BPC

Ocean Colour Bright Pixel Correction

<u>Objective</u>: develop an *improved correction for non-negligible water reflectance in the NIR* for OLCI

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<u>Schedule</u>: June 2018 – June 2019

Helmholtz-Zentrum
Geesthacht
Centre for Materials and Coastal Research

Review of OC-BPC approaches to facilitate the NIR-based clear water Atmospheric Correction

- o Marine modelling in the NIR: IOPs and BRDF reflectance model
- o Numerical inversion: spectral optimization method with configurable bands
- Uncertainty formalism: per-pixel radiometric and model uncertainties
- Analysis of ambiguities in the water/atmosphere decoupling
- Modular processing code

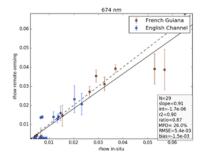
Integration of community's recent advancements in Atmospheric Correction over complex waters

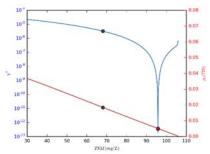
Validation and analysis of the improvements using in-situ measurements, selected scenes and time series

International Expert Team is gratefully acknowledged for exceptionally valuable support to this study









See Breakout workshop #9 and the next S3VT meeting 7-9 May 2019







# IOCS recommendations advances in aerosol Atmospheric Correction

### SACSC



Spectral matching Atmospheric Correction for Sentinel Ocean colour measurements

Objective: develop an improved aerosol atmospheric correction, with application to OLCI and other sensors

Schedule: March 2019 - August 2020

### Spectral matching approach based on Polymer

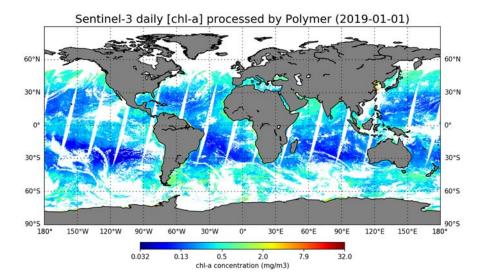
- Generic and accurate in oceanic and coastal waters
- Using a wide range of spectral bands for atmospheric correction allows for an enhanced precision, especially in the shortest wavelengths
- o Robust to aerosols (including absorbing ones) and other atmospheric and surface effects: sun glint, thin clouds, adjacency effects

# Scientific tests and developments to improve and consolidate the algorithm

- o Review the atmospheric and surface model. In particular, account for the aerosol transmittance
- Review the water reflectance model
- o Review the optimization scheme: improve algorithm stability over oligotrophic waters
- Develop an uncertainty propagation scheme
- Optimize the choice of spectral bands

### Validation and analysis of the improvements

- o Using simulated and in-situ data
- o Integration of the aerosol AC module in a multi-mission Ocean Colour prototype







# IOCS recommendations advances in IOP inversion in oceanic and inland waters

### **IOP**

IOP inversion in natural oceanic and inland surface waters

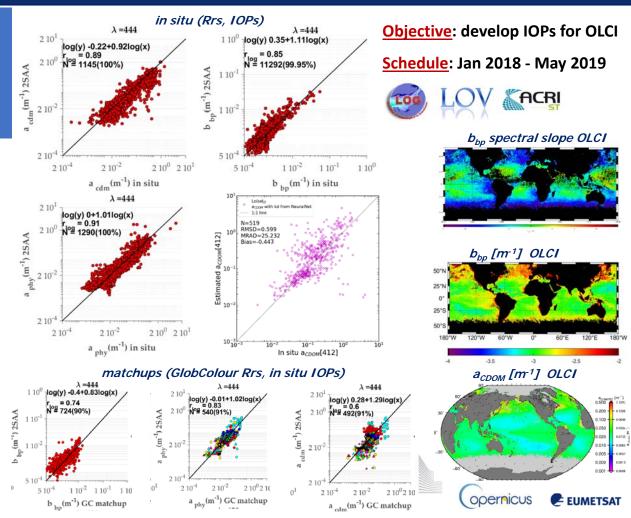
### A two steps approach selected:

- $\circ$  Different algorithms were tested to estimate  $a_{phy}$ ,  $a_{cdm}$ ,  $b_{bp}$ , and  $a_{cdom}$
- o Algorithm is coupled with a water type classification

Algorithm has been validated over open, coastal, and inland waters based on in situ  $R_{\rm rs}$  and IOPs measurements, as well as using match-up data points

Uncertainties are provided for each IOP based on a class based approach

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# IOCS recommendations advances in phytoplankton fluorescence retrievals

### Fluorescence

Phytoplankton physiology

Review of user requirements, state-of-the-art and OLCI capabilities for fluorescence detection

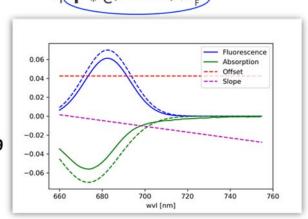
Two parallel developments of fluorescence from the L1 TOA radiance and from L2 water reflectance

Spectral Earth GmbH

**Objective**: develop

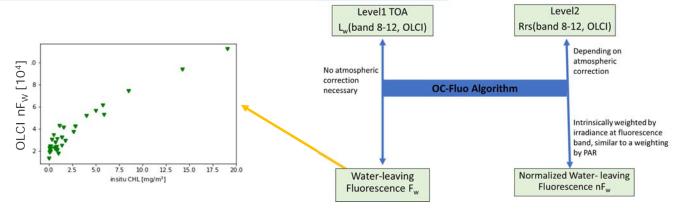
fluorescence product for OLCI

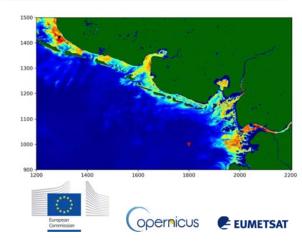
**Schedule:** Sep 2018 – Sep 2019



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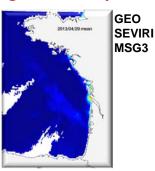
Validation and analysis of product quality





# IOCS recommendations benefits of geostationary Ocean Colour capabilities

### Significant improvement in coverage





MODIS Aqua increased chance of obtaining cloud-free data compared to standard polar observations, data free of gaps between orbits

**Bay of Biscay** 

daily coverage from a geostationary and a polar mission

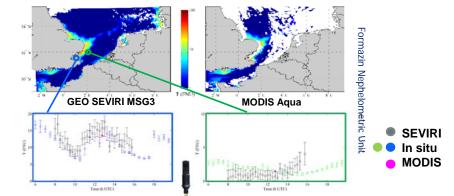
showing a coccolithophore bloom: major process for long-term carbon burial in the oceans







### 2 Monitoring of dynamic processes



[Neukermans et al, 2012; Neukermans, 2012] tidal dynamics, eddies, fronts, sediment transport, coastal erosion, river plumes, natural and anthropogenic disasters

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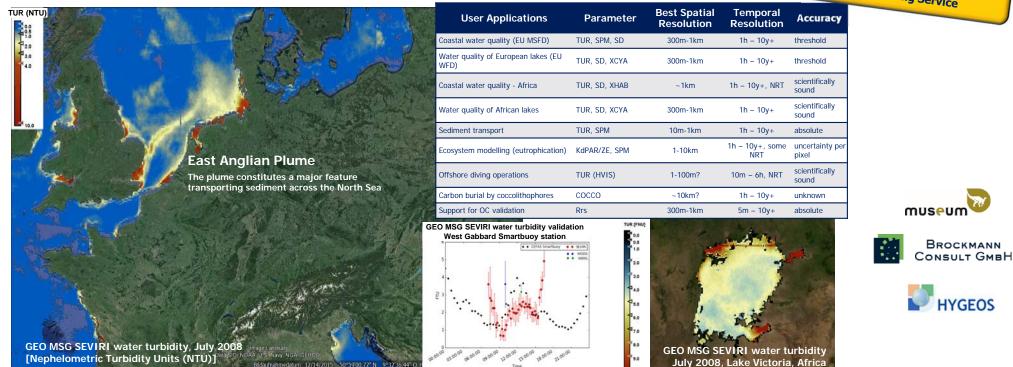
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# Demonstration of GEO MSG water turbidity monitoring and MTG feasibility for chlorophyll retrievals

Completed GEO activities User Requirements

MSG SEVIRI prototype processor and validation

Development endorsed by Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service



**Upcoming development** 

Multi-year MSG SEVIRI water turbidity time series MTG FCI feasibility study of additional OC products, like chlorophyll,  $a_{ph440}$ ,  $a_{cdm440}$ ,  $K_{d\lambda}$ 





- ✓ Sentinel-3A and -3B OLCI constellation is now operational!
- ✓ OLCI product improvements ongoing
- ✓ Copernicus OC-SVC roadmap activities in step 2 'preliminary design'
- ✓ Scientific studies in progress on algorithm evolution and new products
- Activities follow IOCS recommendations and harness international expertise

